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NEW CEMENT PIPES INTRODUCED

At present practically all pipe lines are made of metal. However, it has been found that metal pipes can be replaced successfully by reinforced concrete pipes or asbestos-cement, pre-stressed (reinforced) pipes. These pipes can stand high internal pressure without showing signs of permeability: reinforced concrete pipes up to 25 - 35 atmospheres, and asbestos-cement pipes up to 80 atmospheres.

There is no doubt that the production of such pipes would be of great value. Their use would help to conserve up to 90 percent of metal. Production costs would be approximately 4 times less than for iron pipes and $2\frac{1}{2}$ times less than for steel pipes. By replacing 100 kilometers of metal pipes with reinforced concrete pipes, it would be possible to save up to 40 million rubles.

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KIEV BEATS 6-MONTH PLAN -- Pravda Ukrainy, No 141, 17 Jun 49

Enterprises of the Kiev Oblast Administration of Construction Materials Industry fulfilled the 6-month plan for brick firing ahead of schedule. The 6-month plan has also been completed for production of adobe brick, planks, quarry stone, tar roofing paper, and molding of ceramic pipes and tiles. The enterprises pledge to produce 4 million fired bricks above plan by the end of the 6-month period.

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